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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : John O'Connor et al.
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For : METHODS FOR PREDICTING PREGNANCY OUTCOME IN A
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Sir:

COMMUNICATION AND PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is being filed as a submission with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application and to address the outstanding rejections as detailed in the July 13, 2005 Advisory Action. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 16, 2005, and the return receipt postcard was dated May 19, 2005, making an Appeal Brief due July 19, 2005. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time. This Communication and RCE are being submitted in lieu of an Appeal Brief. The RCE filing fee for a small entity is \$395.00 and the extension fee is \$225.00. A check for \$620.00 is enclosed. Accordingly, this application is presently pending, and this Communication and the accompanying RCE papers are being timely filed.

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